and view with concern this incident and especially the role played by one Nalupurakkal Kunhiraman Vaidyar in regard to this. Therefore, will the Government be pleased to depute an official from Madras to enquire into the case with special reference to the role played by the above Vaidyar? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I really do not know what purpose will be served by deputing an officer from Madras now that the matter is before the Court. I do not think that we should make any enquiries at this stage."

Presentation of Memorandum to the House

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your kind permission, I want to present to the Hon. the Minister for Finance a memorandum signed by about 364 residents of the locality and also a resolution passed in this connection."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I am at a loss to know under which rule of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules such a memorandum could be presented. Anyhow, let the hon. Member present the memorandum. I have no objection to his doing so. This should not be taken as precedent. We must make a rule to provide for such things hereafter."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this has nothing to do with the proceedings of this House. The hon. Member is only passing on a paper to me privately."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Then, instead of bringing it here, the hon. Member could have given it to the Hon. Minister privately."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, it is only a private representation publicly made."

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—*cont.*

Bridge across Tirurangadi river at Parakkadavu

* 1253 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi Sahib) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any proposal to construct a bridge over the Tirurangadi river at Parakkadavu in South Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the present stage of the proposal?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Rural Water-supply Scheme for Coimbatore

* 1254 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount allotted to the Coimbatore district towards Rural Water-supply Scheme from the Central Grant of Rs. 29·7 lakhs promised to the Madras State;

(*b*) how much has been spent; and

(*c*) the balance?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Rs. 4,53,500.

" (*b*) Rs. 44,740 up to 19th January 1955.

" (*c*) Rs. 4,08,760."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" பாக்கித் தொகையை வாபஸ் செய்யாமல் மறுபடியும் வேலைசெய்வதற்கு உபயோகப்படுத்த முடியுமா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

Clash between Special Armed Police and Malabar Police

* 1255 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a clash between the Special Armed Police and the Malabar Police inside the compound of the Police Commissioner's office on 20th October 1954;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether any enquiry, departmental or otherwise, was conducted into this incident; and

(*d*) if so, what the findings of the same were?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) There was a minor scuffle between a few constables of the Malabar Special Police and the Special Armed Police on 20th October 1954 in the compound of the Police Commissioner's Office, Egmore.

" (*b*) The scuffle arose as a result of two constables of the Malabar Special Police bathing in the tap in front of the Commissioner's office room, contrary to standing instructions.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Departmental action was taken against the constables concerned by the Commandants of the Malabar Special Police and the Special Armed Police and the constables were awarded suitable punishment."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have realised that this sort of incidents will affect the morale of the police who have to maintain strict discipline, and, if so, whether they have issued any orders to the Police Department that such incidents should not happen in future."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, no special orders are necessary. It is expected that the police should maintain discipline but they are also human beings and sometimes they err."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, may I know who came out successful in this skirmish."